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NASHVILLE - Today, the Tennessee Department of Children's Services closed a foster home following the recent arrest of Kingsport foster parent Daniel Hunter on charges of aggravated sexual battery.

The case is still under investigation by state and local officials, including DCS' special investigation unit.

Mr. Hunter became a DCS foster parent in March 2005, and four foster children have been placed in the home during that time frame. Before becoming DCS foster parents, Mr. Hunter and wife both passed extensive background reviews, including fingerprint checks and criminal-history reviews with federal, state and local law-enforcement officials.

DCS completed an extensive home study before accepting this family as foster parents.

Prior to the recent criminal case, DCS has received no complaints about this foster family, and at this time, there is no indication any foster children have been involved or harmed.

The department is still in the early stages of its investigation. The department cannot comment on any child-protective services case because of confidentiality laws; however, DCS will certainly conduct a thorough inquiry.